

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Filter element for fluids, ~~in particular for hydraulic fluids~~, comprising:
a filter material, and
a grid-like supporting structure supporting the filter material at least on its outflow side in relation to the flow direction of the filter element, ~~and~~ said supporting structure having elements made of a plastics material and electrically conductive elements, wherein:
the supporting structure forms a supporting fabric comprising both metal threads and plastic threads, and
the filter material and the supporting fabric lie surface-to-surface against one another and are folded in the shape of a star, with the metal threads extending parallel to ~~the~~ pleats of the supporting fabric.
2. (Currently amended) Filter element in accordance with claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ warp threads of the supporting fabric are made of a plastics material.
3. (Currently amended) Filter element in accordance with claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ weft threads of the supporting fabric are made of metal.
4. (Currently amended) Filter element in accordance with claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ warp and weft threads of the supporting fabric have different diameters.
5. (Original) Filter element in accordance with claim 4, wherein the diameter of the warp threads is larger than the diameter of the weft threads.

6. (Original) Filter element in accordance with claim 4, wherein the warp threads have a diameter of from approximately 0.2 mm to approximately 0.3 mm.

7. (Original) Filter element in accordance with claim 4, wherein the weft threads have a diameter of from approximately 0.1 mm to approximately 0.2 mm.

8. (Original) Filter element in accordance with claim 1, wherein the supporting fabric has a mesh width of from approximately 0.6 mm to approximately 1.0 mm.

9. (Original) Filter element in accordance with claim 1, wherein the electrically conductive material is a stainless steel.

10. (Original) Filter element in accordance with claim 1, wherein the plastics material is a polyester material.

11. (Currently amended) Filter element in accordance with claim 1, wherein the filter material comprises:

a fine filter layer, and
at least one of a protective layer covering the fine filter layer at least on its outflow side
and/or a prefilter layer covering the fine filter layer on its inflow side.

12. (Original) Filter element in accordance with claim 1, wherein the filter material is covered on its inflow side by a screen-like protective fabric.